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MENTALITY.

The Geologist has gone down into the bowels of the earth and has unfolded to civilization the periods of creations and with the correct study of the earth we have been able to find the resemblance between the teaching of the Bible and the strata of the rock.

The Astronomer has brought our attentions the working and sphere of the heavenly bodies and has enabled man to predict the condition of affairs several hours before they occur.

The Philosopher has made it possible for us to give a correct study of the human body and many other living things in the world.

With the Geologist at his desk, the Astronomer at his telescope, and the Philosopher studying the great problems of the human body, we have one of the greatest examples of mentality that can be pictured before us today. The work of all these persons depends upon the mind, yet one may say the mind is working in each alike, but you can easily see the field each is pursuing.

The correct study of the mind is Psychology. All sciences presuppose the fact that the mind is subject to certain uniform laws; for all sciences are the product of the mind: Mathematics, the Law of Physics, the Theory of Evolution, and the material philosophy are the mental products; for, if memory and thought worked differently today than they did yesterday, we could not depend upon our reasoning powers in any of our sciences. The great work of Psychology is to investigate mental law for the mental powers cannot be trained correctly without the knowledge of Psychological laws.

Man is possessed with the power of reasoning which enables him to solve many great questions. First he is conscious of an object and then thought, the power of decision is able to tell what way or work to pursue. Correct Reasoning is the result of training, yet some Psychologists claim that the old belief in innate ideas, i. e. certain fully developed ideas are given at birth. Nothing more than the germ of these ideas exist in the mind. Were it not for experience, the germ would never be developed into an idea. On the other hand, rich soil and rain will not make an oak tree without the acorn with which to start. Neither will an acorn make a tree without the rich soil and rain to develop it. Some Philosophers seem to reason that the germ of a thing is the thing itself any more than an acorn is an oak. Yet, the limit of intuitive ideas are still in dispute and time may bring it around when those things that are now claimed to be intuitively will be the result of experience.

What beast would have detected any analogy between the steam raising the lid of a tea kettle and the strength of a horse and put the steam to doing the work of the horse? What Ant would have seen the similarity between the vibrations in the yielding air and the apparently unyielding telephone wire?

Human reasoning is characterized by applying known expedient and methods to unknown and untried cases merely on the preception of similarity. The highest examples of this we see in Newton's detecting a relation between a falling of an apple and the moon moving in its orbit and then applying the math-

ematical law, deduced therefrom, to every atom of matter from a drop of rain water to the farthest star.

The base of reasoning is consciousness of self-existing, the foundation is assumption, the premise being conceded, the other things follow. We, therefore, perceive a necessity which we term law. Of the origin of law, we know nothing. We can not reason beyond the fact of existence, and the existence of consciousness is in itself a manifestation of law. We may find law existing in every abstraction of reason and in every emotion; we may follow the golden thread thru all the perplexities of the past, we may find the law existing in every process of creation, but the clue is swallowed up finally, in the darkness and the darkness deepens into the Diety. In as much as the consciousness did not originate in the law but is only conscious of its existence, then the law is superior.

If the inquirer would turn from Biology to Psychology, from the external world of life to the internal, he has but turned from reason to consciousness to prove the existence of law; to prove that which is demonstrated to that which is self evident. If he questions the future, he knows the answer will be from the past, for the historian is the only prophet.

Plan presupposes purpose, to have faith in the presence of an eternal and just will is to reverence the past and trust future. It makes faith as sure as law, and thought as broad as the universe. This, then, is the highest conception of Mentality.

When reason can no longer give knowledge it gives faith. Ignorance is the soul of fear; knowledge of the natural proves faith in the supernatural. "The voice of nature is the voice of God."

Mentality begins with a relative knowledge of the visible and ends with a faith in the invisible. Worthy of all reverence is that mind which can read from nature and humanity a universal law, and from that law draw a faith which is stronger than death. Greater still is that heart which can read from a universal law a universal love and think the thoughts of God. Not after him but with him.

Faith is of God but love is God, and 'whosoever loveth most is kin to God.' J. W. Cooper, B. S. D.

HOW THE MOB IS USED TO PROLONG DEMOCRATIC RULE IN THE SOUTH.

A Letter to the St. Louis G. D.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 12.—There is something savagely grotesque in the assumption by such men as Tillman, Carmack and John Temple Graves that they represent elements in the South that stand between white women and black brutes.

They and others of their ilk tell us that mobs are necessary in the South to defend the virtue of white women and children. When a Negro brute or white brute assails a white woman or a negro woman, he places himself outside the protection of the law. He becomes a wild beast, and should be dealt with like a beast. If mob law stopped here no one would have a right to complain. But the mob is used by a political power to perpetuate its rule. The mob is the mainstay of the Southern Democratic machine. With it the machine keeps the Negro in subjection. It is used

to intimidate and harass the unprotected black race. For the slightest pretext, the negro is hunted down by the rabble and whipped and persecuted. The mob never protects the home of the Negro. No Negro girl or Negro woman ever found protection from a white mob. In the South it is simply the licensed rabble permitted for the slightest pretext to go out into the homes of the Negroes to kill and to burn. If it stopped when it had butchered some negro criminal it might be defended, but it reeks its fury upon the innocent, upon the helpless, upon the little black children as well as upon the strong and lusty.

The mob simply means a suspension of law. It means that the homes and the lives of the blacks are placed absolutely at the mercy of the lawless. Here and there a judge has denounced the mob and appealed to the populace for justice and mercy for the blacks. But these are exceptions and not the rule. Courts of justice in the South have seldom stood between the black man and his white oppressor. The old maxim of the law, that a man is considered innocent until he is proven guilty, is actually reversed in the courts of the South when a negro is accused of any crime. Look at the prison pens of the South to day.

Look at the thousands of Negroes serving long terms for offences that no white man will ever be condemned to prison for. Siberia may be a black spot upon the earth's surface but the prison pens of the South, cover crimes as black and as hellish as are written around the mines of Siberia. The negro shuns the courts of the South because he knows from them he is likely to be practically returned to bondage.

This is not an overdrawn picture. The political conditions of the South are simply damnable. Accustomed to political supremacy, the Democrats in the South have grown arrogant and despotic. They fear no power but the power of the machine. It makes and unmakes governors, judges, and legislatures. Every official in the South is the creature of the machine. He owes nothing to the people. Elections are merely a manipulation of the ballot box. In the North, where elections are usually honest, no party dares to fly in the face of a healthy public opinion and usually makes a pretense of decency. But the ballot-box stuffer, the election commissioner, laughs at moral sentiment, and defies public opinion. He knows only the power of the political cutthroats who made him.

The republican party, knowing the states of the south are mere democratic dependencies, has grown callous and indifferent. It expects nothing south of Mason and Dixon's line and has permitted itself to become careless of the fate of the Republicans in those provinces. It has forgotten the overthrow of law in Tennessee where Clay Evans was defrauded of the office to which he had been unquestionably elected. It grows indifferent over the fate of Taylor that a Democratic mob removed from the executive office in Kentucky. It hears the cry of imperial Missouri, shackled by the infamous Nesbit law, without heeding. And thus Democracy fastens its fangs in the very vitals of constitutional liberty. In Alabama the Negro has again become a chattel. In no southern state is he a citizen. He is taxed without being allowed

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Our Correspondence

Boonville

Mrs. Martha Hammond has returned from Kansas City, and is now with her parents and sister. Her father has been ill for some time.

Prof. C. G. Williams was entertained by the Prof. of Lincoln Institute who lectured at the teachers' institute, which is attended by a large number of teachers.

Lodge, and Mrs. C. Hughes, Princess of Magdalene Temple are the delegates who represent their lodge and Temple at the Grand Lodge which was held at Macon City on Aug. 18. Mrs. Mary Baily and Miss Lola Foster also visited the Grand Lodge.

The morning and evening services at the A. M. E. Church were well attended. The sermons delivered by Rev. Sage were excellent. Beautiful songs were sung by the choir. Mrs. Zeoba Craddock, who was once a wife of Prof. Craddock, member of the choir, joined the church in the morning and was baptized in the evening. Mr. R. H. Watson, Master of St. Mark's

Otterville

Miss Bettie Porter is now very sick.

Mrs. Ann Richardson and son are yet on the sick list.

Mr. Will Finley of Boonville came up to visit his mother.

Prof. J. M. Morney of Silesville, visited here Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Hogan visited her mother Mrs. Sallie Finley, Sunday.

Jas. Beatty, who has been very sick with typhoid fever is improving.

Mr. Daniel Johnson of Clifton visited Kelly Hogan Wednesday night.

Mr. Sam Wright bought a nice lot of hogs from Mr. James A. Hogan.

Mr. Edward Arnold of Smithton was the guest of Miss Jennie Hogan Sun.

Mrs. Geo. Hopkins after a short visit with relatives here returned home Friday.

Miss Estelle Dobbins and Mr. Clifford Robinson and wife visited their aunt, Mrs. Beatty, Sunday.

Louisiana.

Miss Jane Lynch is a Quincy visitor.

Miss Daisy Palme is on the sick list.

Gloomy weather has been our lot for the past week.

Mrs. Isles returned from Clarksville, Sunday after a sojourn of one week.

Mr. Archibald Rose of Springfield, Ill. is visiting his parents in this city.

Mrs. C. Rose of Springfield, Ill., returned home after a visit of two weeks.

Miss Mayme Levell is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Johnson of Chi.

Earl Williams, one of our most talented and best musicians, is visiting Chi.

Miss Turner, of Wichita, Kansas is in our city and hopes to make this her home.

Reverends Smith and Gryas are attending Dist. Conf. at Farmington, Mo.

Miss Luana Johnson, of this city is visiting her brother, Henry Johnson of Chicago, Illinois.

Prof. C. C. Hubbard of Paris, Mo., is a guest of his mother Mrs. Rev. A. Hubbard of this city.

Mr. R. Berry returned after a two weeks vacation to resume his duties at Paul's Dep't Store.

Misses Ogden and Hammond of New Canton, Ill., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sides of this city.

Miss Daisy Huff, of Quincy, is one of

our visitors and Miss Lillian Anderson is enjoying a short stay in Chicago.

Miss Mattie Turner of St. Louis is visiting her Cousin, Mrs. Downing of this city and Miss Jones of Jefferson City is also visiting Louisiana relatives.

Rev. Jackson of the 1st Baptist Church preached his farewell sermon Sunday, was an arduous one. Louisiana people express regret at his leaving.

Miss Florence Ross is the guest of her aunt Mrs. Florence Kelley of Joliet Illinois and Mrs. Edward Livingston, of Chicago, is another of our guest.

Alexander lies seemed very uneasy last week and made several trips to the city of Clarksville; but, since his wife's return, he wears a different smile—oh Alex.

Among those, who took advantage of the excursion rates to Chicago Friday, were the following—Mesdames Mitchell, Gordon and Johnson; Misses Lillian Anderson, Lily English, Lena Johnson, Florence Ross, Luana Johnson and Mayme Levell and Messrs. John Meriweather, B. F. Harrington, E. F. Williams and M. L. Mackey.

Malta Bend, Mo.

Mrs. Sarah Neff is improving fast.

Mr. Pete Kilespen Fri. in Mt. Leonard

Mr. Sam Fowler is improving slowly.

Miss Amanda Thomas is improving very slowly.

Mr. Jas. Watson of Waverly made us a visit this week.

Ron and Rob Fowler are visiting in Sedalia this week.

Rev. A. Jackson of Kan. City came in Sunday for a visit.

Mr. Welter Handell is visiting in Marshall this week.

Mrs. L. D. Fowler is visiting in Grand Pass, Mo. this week.

Miss Hannah Wilson left for K. C. Monday for a two weeks visit.

What's the matter with Marshall? We never can hear from it.

Mr. Pearl Carl left for Sedalia for a week's visit with old friends.

Quitenumber from Waverly attended the quarterly meeting Sunday.

Mr. Joe Sanders drove over to Sweet Springs Sunday with his family.

Quite a number went to the picnic at Mr. Ed Allen's Sat. It was grand.

Mrs. E. J. Brooks of Waverly was the guest of Mrs. Emma Fowler Sunday.

Miss Nora Crutchfield is visiting her brother John and family in Marshall.

Mrs. Maria Lee, her niece, and Mrs. Sarah Reed left for Kan. City Monday.

Rev. J. W. Hampton of Waverly held quarterly meeting for Rev. Williams Sun.

Messrs. Tom Sanders, Will Henderson and Tom Rhodes spent Fri. in Marshall.

Mr. Peter Henderson of California arrived Friday to visit his nephew, M. Neff.

Quite a number of children enjoyed a candy pulling at Mrs. Frank Barber's.

Miss Francis Crutchfield went to Marshall to visit Miss Lillian Allen a few days.

Rev. C. Taves arrived Monday from Waverly where he preached a noble sermon Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Doolan left Thursday for Kan. City after visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza Whips.

Misses Hannah Wilson and Sarah Reed visited Mrs. Robert Stevenson at her country home Friday.

Misses Martha Fowler and Millie Davis